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(57) Abstract: A method for the screening of ligands which bind to soluble  $\alpha_2\delta$ -1 subtype polypeptides. The invention also relates to compositions and kits for implementing such methods, as well as to the ligands selected or identified using the same.